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SUBJECT: GROUP SEMINAR FOR AD LEADERS

- 1. DURING HIS VISIT TO THE DEPARTMENT ON JULY 16 MARCO TULIO BRUNI CELLI EXPLAINED THE REASONS (WELL KNOWN TO THE EMBASSY) FOR CANCELLATION OF THE SEMINAR PROGRAM SCHEDULED FOR EARLY JULY AND EXPRESSED INTEREST IN A FIVE DAY SEMINAR AT A SITE IN THE WASHINGTON AREA.
- 2. HE SUGGESTED AN INFORMAL DIALOG BETWEEN PEOPLE OF COMPARABLE LEVEL ON THE THREE THEMES OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMICS, ENERGY AND POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS. AN OFF-SITE LOCATION WOULD BE USED WITH SOME PARTICIPANTS REMAINING THE ENTIRE FIVE DAYS AND OTHERS ATTENDING ONLY SESSIONS ON THEMES OF INTEREST TO THEM. THE SEMINAR LEADER AND PERHAPS ONE OR TWO PANEL MEMBERS WOULD PARTICIPATE IN THE ENTIRE SEMINAR PROGRAM, BUT MOST WOULD PARTICIPATE ONLY IN THE HALF DAY SESSION AT WHICH THEY MAKE THEIR INDIVIDUAL PRESENTATION. HOUSING FOR PARTICIPANTS AND PANEL WOULD BE PROVIDED AT THE SEMINAR SITE.
- 3. IF INTERESTED IN A PROGRAM OF THIS SORT, EMBASSY SHOULD INCLUDE IT IN THE COUNTRY PLAN PROPOSAL FOR FY 77. TOTAL UNCLASSIFIED

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COST WOULD BE LESS THAN \$15,000 FOR A FIVE DAY SEMINAR

WITH NO POST-SEMINAR PROGRAM AND WOULD BE CHARGED TO THE COUNTRY ALLOCATION AS AGREED IN HIGGINS-MASON TELCON OF 7/16/76. DEPARTMENT WOULD PREFER SEMINAR IN WASHINGTON INSTEAD OF OFF-SITE LOCATION BECAUSE OF DIFFICULTY SECURING HIGH-LEVEL PARTICIPANTS FOR EXTRA TIME REQUIRED. WOULD

ALSO QUESTION IDEA OF VENEZUELANS ONLY ATTENDING SESSIONS OF INTEREST TO THEM INDIVIDUALLY ESPECIALLY IF PROGRAM ONLY LASTS FIVE DAYS. POST MIGHT WISH CONSIDER POSSIBILITY SHORT NEW YORK GROUP PROGRAM AFTER SEMINAR.

4. BRUNI CELLI CONFIRMED HIS INTEREST IN ATTENDING THE REPUBLICAN CONVENTION (NATIONAL). A TICKET IS AVAILABLE FOR HIM. HE SHOULD ARRIVE IN KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI ON THE MORNING OF AUG. 15, SO THAT HE CAN PARTICIPATE IN AN ORIENTATION SESSION THAT WILL ENABLE HIM TO DERIVE MAXIMUM BENEFIT FROM HIS VISIT. HE SHOULD PLAN TO STAY, IF POSSIBLE, THROUGH AUG. 19. HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS ARE NOT AVAILABLE IN KANSAS CITY. ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE FOR HIM TO STAY AT A PRIVATE RESIDENCE. HIS CONTACTS ARE JURAJ SLAVIK OR KERRY STEWART, HOTEL PRESIDENT, ROOM 211-215, TELEPHONE 816-471-5440 IN KANSAS CITY. HIS FALL BACK CONTACT IN KANSAS CITY IS ELIOTT S. BERKLEY, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COUNCIL, TELEPHONE 816-333-5546.

5. PLEASE SEND BRUNI CELLI TRAVEL PLANS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. KISSINGER

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